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Bruges Group Plans

Briefing Papers

We publish detailed papers on aspects of the EU Constitution and the effect it will have on the UK.

We shall continue to expose the dangers of the EU Constitution via the media and will reach out to those that will be effected by the Constitution.

Seminars & Conferences to Influence Opinion Formers and the Media

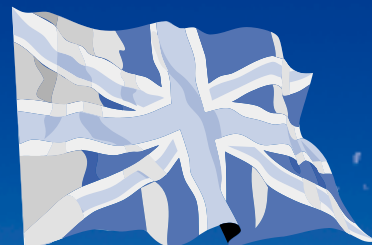
We hold briefing seminars to discuss the implications of specific aspects of the EU Constitution with opinion formers interested in particular topics.

Promoting the Positive Alternatives

The Bruges Group advocates positive alternatives to EU control which Britain can pursue if we reject the EU Constitution.

To this end we must analyse clearly every aspect of the European Union and Britain's membership of it, show the faults in each and produce alternative policies. Unless we do this, we may as well forget about the fight against the Constitution. Winning one battle and losing the war will avail us little. We must win this battle and go on to win the war.

Your support will help make this possible.



The EU Constitution: A threat to jobs and democracy

*Exposing the EU Constitution
Appeal*

The Constitution drawn up by the Convention on the Future of Europe – *presided over by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing* – will have **serious consequences** for Britain.

It will

- **Compound the EU's economic dislocation** by encoding in law the social-market economic model responsible for the continent's low growth and high unemployment. Article 14 will allow the EU to standardise the employment and social policies of member states. Article 7 incorporates into EU law the Charter of Fundamental Rights. **This will add new burdens onto British business.**
- **Ensure that National Parliaments lose significant powers to the EU institutions.** The right of member states to stop damaging EU legislation will end, as Qualified Majority Voting (QMV) will be extended into 38 new areas. The draft may even allow for the national veto to be entirely abolished. In particular, Article 24.4 (the passerelle clause) and Article 17 (the flexibility clause) will allow the European Council to extend QMV and the EU's powers.
- **Expand the Union's powers into Justice and Home Affairs.** Article 158 gives the EU power over external border controls and internal security. Article 170 allows the EU with powers to standardise civil law. Articles 171–175 allow for the standardisation of criminal laws and procedure. 176–178 will give the EU powers to co-ordinate policing.
- **Develop a common EU foreign and Security Policy.** Article 27 will create an EU Minister for Foreign Affairs who "shall conduct the Union's common foreign and security policy."
- **Make the EU institutions the UK's real government.** Article 10 gives primacy to EU law. Articles 11–13 will give the EU the right to forbid member states from making laws in almost all areas, handing instead even more power to the remote, unaccountable and undemocratic EU institutions.

Time is short

The Government plans to incorporate Britain into a greatly centralised European Union.

The Government will try to hoodwink the British people into accepting the EU Constitution. By 2006 the UK could be made a province of the new European Union.

The Bruges Group intends to expose the EU Constitution and to campaign against its acceptance. We feel that the best way to do this is to cut through the propaganda and tell the public the seriousness of all its implications. But we cannot do this without your support.

The EU Constitution *in their own words*

"Our continent has seen successive attempts at unifying it: Caesar, Charlemagne and Napoleon, among others. The aim has been to unify it by force of arms, by the sword. We for our part seek to unify it by the pen. Will the pen succeed where the sword has finally failed?"

– **Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**
President of the EU Convention
speech in Aachen accepting the Charlemagne Prize for European integration, 29th May 2003

"We have sown a seed... Instead of a half-formed Europe, we have a Europe with a legal entity, with a single currency, common justice, a Europe which is about to have its own defence."

– **Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**
President of the EU Convention,
presenting the final draft of the EU Constitution, 13th June 2003

"Our task is nothing less than the creation of a new constitutional order for a new united Europe."

– **Peter Hain MP**
Financial Times, 22 March 2003

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